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**Sole Agents at Decatur for the Celebrated Jouvin Kid Gloves.**

**245 NORTH WATER STREET**

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**Holiday Excursions.**      **Newmarkets,**  
In accordance with usual custom, the Peoria,      Plain, Stripes and Plaids for ladies and  
Misses, beautiful styles.

The Washell will sell on Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31, and Jan. 1 and 2, good returning including Jan. 3, tickets from Decatur to Kansas City, via Hannibal, at \$9.40 for the round trip. See the ticket agents at the depot for further particulars. td





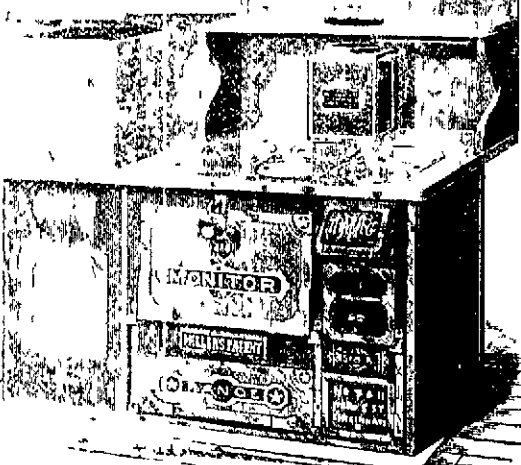
**CHILD'S SETS.**  
Prices, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

These goods are all handsome, and will last a child until grown up. Three Patterns.

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Wholesale and Retail Jewelers.

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**DOUBLE CASED MONITOR RANGES**  
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They are Leaders, Not Followers.



Their many points of Superiority can be seen by calling on

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Our Holiday Meats are sold and we again return to the sale of everyday beef, the quality of which we guarantee to be equal to that found in any market in this or other cities. We are prepared to supply you at all times with THE BEST OF EVERYTHING you may need in our line.

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**+RUBBER BOOTS+**  
For Men, Women and Children.

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At the Popular Boot and Shoe Store of

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Largest Stock, Lowest Prices, Courteous Attention.  
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**DAINTIES FOR XMAS.**

Malaga Grapes.  
Crystallized Plums,  
Crystallized Pears,  
Crystallized Peaches,  
Crystallized Apricots  
Preserved Figs in Heavy Syrup.

**DINGES & COOP'S.**

SATURDAY EVE, DEC 31, 1887

**LOCAL NEWS.**

For dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. BATHOLMEW & Co. "A Happy New Year" to all Good-by 1887—Welcome 1888 The snow drifted badly

The musical German comedy—Casper, the Yodler—Tuesday night

The children will have to hustle off to school again next week

LYTLE & ECKELS invite you to call at their hardware store See their Round Oak heating stoves and ranges

Circuit Court will begin Monday, January 9, with Judge Wilkin on the bench

MAPLE SYRUP and buckwheat flour to suit you at S. P. Cowan's grocery store

Justice Odom to-day placed A. A. Bishop under \$50 bonds to keep the peace 30 days

DEAL with Moore Bros. grocers in Opera block. Fine line of fruits

Owing to the rush of business at the Deatur furniture factory this year the usual two weeks' suspension will be decreased to only two days next week

On Wednesday operations will be resumed, the men working 10 hours each day

EXCELLENT country and creamery butter at Hanks & Patterson's popular grocery store

SPECIAL attention is directed to the great auction sale of the A. Watt residence lots on West Main street, to occur on March 22. Eight lots will be sold on easy terms. See advertisement in another column

ALL leading grocers sell the celebrated White Foam flour

T. W. DOUGLAS, the passenger director at the depot, has purchased an interest in the Globe restaurant, 721 East Corro Gordo street, which will be opened January 1st. Mr. D. will continue to officiate as passenger director

ALWAYS ask for Shellabarger & Co's White Leaf flour

The merry jangle of the sleigh bells is heard to-day as the cutters go dashing over the sleek and snow. Farmers came to town in their old bob-tails, and Young America was about to catch on for a free ride

It will pay you to select groceries and fruits at Knott & Osborne's family store

Next week Charles P. Housman and F. A. Leforge will depart for Jacksonville and other points in Florida. They will be absent until spring

LIVAN CRESSER is what you want. Get it at J. Lytle & Co. grocery store

At the special election held in Douglas county Wm. J. Ammen, Republican, defeated the Democratic candidate for state's attorney by 109 majority

The snow is here and it is likely to stay. You should have a dashing cutter. D. I. Hanner has a large assortment at his Wood street establishment

The Chicago mail train was four hours late this morning, caused by snow drifts up to the car windows in the cuts above Forrest. A freight engine off the track at Belmont caused another delay

Buy family supplies at Niedermeyer's store on the Mound. Prompt delivery

On Saturday, December 31st, Edwin Pratt, brother of the late E. B. Pratt, will arrive in the city to purchase a carload of good driving horses for the eastern market. He will be found at the stable of Geo. Watt, on Jackson street, for a few days after above date

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**Nautic News Notes**

Nautic is still on the boom. There are 10 tugs in our bay. Meat will soon be cheap. Three new butcher shops will soon be opened out here

Vells & Co. are contemplating running a butcher shop in connection with their stock of groceries

Mr. Curtis is surely mistaken in his statement last week in one of the morning papers in which he says he sold something over \$1000 worth of goods in one day being the largest day's sale ever made in Deatur. We have a man in our town who says that in 1855 he and another sold a man sold in Deatur in five hours 130 suits of clothes the prices ranging all the way from \$20 to \$80. You can figure this up and it is a sale does not figure up more than that of our friend, Mr. Curtis, we will set up the figures

Nautic, Dec 29

**Health is impossible when the blood is impure, thick, and sluggish or when it is thin and impoverished. Such conditions give rise to boils, pimples, headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism, and other disorders. Ayer's Sarsaparilla purifies, invigorates, and vitalizes the blood**

**A Card.**

On Monday morning the Y. M. C. A. provision wagon will call at the houses for the people's contributions to the third annual reception to young men, to be given by the ladies in the rooms from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. on that day. Homes where this article is read are cordially invited to call the wagon as it passes and in their contributions. The ladies desire sandwiches, coffee, cream, butter, sugar, cake, doughnuts, pickles, apples, oranges, rolls and cold meats for sandwiches.

GEN'L SECY.

REAL bargains in Overcoats at the Star Clothing House

ALL of the Deatur Banks will be closed on Monday after Christmas and Monday after New Year's Day. Make a note of this

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Nothing nicer for a Christmas present than one of those celebrated Washburn and Manservant Guitars, Banjos, Violins, Mandolins, Zithers and Autoharps at Freecott's

**New Year's Day.**

Monday will be observed as New Year's day in Deatur, but only a few ladies will receive friends formally. Nearly all will receive friends informally, but calling will not be general. The custom appears to have gone out of style in this city. Possibly it will be revived at some future time

The Deatur Club will keep open house in Haworth block, from 4 to 11 p. m. It will be a reception to lady friends, with music and refreshments

Reception at the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms

The Deatur Fraternal Club will hold their first annual reception on Monday, January 2, between the hours of 3 and 11 p. m. Odd Fellows, their families and friends are invited to call

AT HOME

Mrs. C. R. McQuinn, at 611 E. North street, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Anderson and Miss Hattie E. Michaels

**Watch Meeting.**

Watch meeting at the Church of God to-night. Services will begin at 8:30 o'clock, continuing until the New Year. All are invited

**Remember Them.**

The REPUBLICAN carrier boys expected to have a tasty New Year's address to tender to their patrons, but were disappointed in getting it, and will, in view of the present to the readers of the paper on Monday a neat souvenir of the occasion

The boys have been faithful in all kinds of weather, and they deserve to be remembered kindly by those who have been cheered by their daily visits throughout the year

**The Week of Prayer.**

The churches of the city will hold union meetings during the week of prayer as follows

MONDAY, JAN. 1. 11:00 a. m. First Baptist Church—Prayer "Thanks to God and consolation on the Lord's Day" (Hymn)

TUESDAY, JAN. 2. 11:00 a. m. First Baptist Church—Prayer "Thanks to God and consolation on the Lord's Day" (Hymn)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3. 11:00 a. m. First Baptist Church—Prayer "Thanks to God and consolation on the Lord's Day" (Hymn)

THURSDAY, JAN. 4. 11:00 a. m. First Baptist Church—Prayer "Thanks to God and consolation on the Lord's Day" (Hymn)

FRIDAY, JAN. 5. 11:00 a. m. First Baptist Church—Prayer "Thanks to God and consolation on the Lord's Day" (Hymn)

SATURDAY, JAN. 6. 11:00 a. m. First Baptist Church—Prayer "Thanks to God and consolation on the Lord's Day" (Hymn)

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**Deatur School Notes.**

The public schools of Deatur will re-open on Monday morning, Jan. 2, '88. The many friends of Miss Belle Fulton, the efficient principal of the Church Street School, will be pained to learn that the state of her health is such that she has found it necessary to resign her position and take a rest

Mrs. Clara A. W. Bowles, who has so successfully managed the primary department of the Jackson Street School for the past four years, has been promoted to the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Fulton. She is a graduate of the Normal University and holds a state certificate

Miss Sarah E. Sanderson of the second primary room in the Sangamon Street School will take the place made vacant by the promotion of Mrs. Bowles. She is a graduate of our high school class of 1877, and has taught successfully in our schools for the past five years

Finally, Miss Mary E. Lewis, the student of the last class in our high school, will take Miss Sanderson's place in the Sangamon Street School. She has been assisting Miss Belle Hobbs in the primary department of that school since September last, and has shown that she is capable of doing excellent work

Col. F. W. Parker, principal of the Cook County Normal School, and one of the most distinguished educators of the United States, will address the teachers of Deatur and Macon county on January 14, 1888. Our citizens are invited to hear him

**A Dinner Treat.**

Mrs. Phil Barry, at 757 North, Edward street, gave the choir boys of St. John's church a holiday dinner party yesterday, which was a very enjoyable affair. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Hall and daughter, Mabel, Mr. Pennet Joe and Willie Housman, George and Harry Hurd, Will and Frank Denton, Ed. Dugan, Joe and Arthur Hartley, Fred Stoner, Lute Roby, Guy Souville, Byron Stoner, Harry Kepler, Ed. Hasey, Murray Mulkin and Claude Barry. The business was assisted by her daughter, Miss Hattie and Miss Hattie Misenbeler

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Joe Paulson is in charge of a chair at A. T. Grist's barber shop

Dr. T. P. Hubbell got home yesterday from a business trip

Prof. John Hull, of Carbondale, is a guest of Supt. E. A. Gastman

Miss Carrie Scott, of Jacksonville, is visiting Mrs. Dr. Moore

L. G. Gunther, of Louisville, Ky., is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Tibbets

Will Chenoweth got home from Bos-cobol, Wis., and Chicago this morning, after an absence of two weeks

Edwin Philbrook and wife, who are in Florida, favor us with late copies of Pensacola papers

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Graham left for their home at Louisville, Ky., after a delightful holiday visit in this city

Clay Dempsey, of the Deatur furniture company, is home from a business trip, to begin the New Year aright

Ernest Wangelin, of Belleville, is a guest at the Hotel Brunswick. He is visiting Deatur friends

James W. Brooks, a Sangamon county school teacher, has been spending the holidays with friends in Deatur

M. B. Pratt arrived in the city this forenoon from Lincoln, Neb., on his way east by rail, for his big notion house, and Edwin Pratt came in from Connecticut to buy horses

James Lichtenberger, Collector of Watmore township, to-day filed his bond in the sum of \$10,000, with G. G. Harnsberger, A. L. Pelzer, Thos. M. Ayres and Richard Kirby as securities

Wilson M. Bernig, secretary of the Lee Investment Co., which has a capital stock of \$100,000, sends us a copy of the Wichita Journal of Commerce, a book of 120 pages containing a write up of Wichita in glowing style. It is profusely illustrated, showing among others the imposing residences of W. W. and M. J. Oliver, who formerly resided in Deatur

**A Heavy Loss.**

The big barn on the Henry Flood farm, north of Deatur nine miles, which was destroyed by fire Thursday night, contained 3,000 bushels of corn, 10 tons of hay, farming machinery and other property. The loss is over \$7,000. The property was insured in the Commercial wealth Company of Deatur for \$2,000, and in a Cincinnati company for a like amount. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin

**Nordeck.**

Unfortunately there was but a small-sized audience, numerically, at the opera house last night to greet Mr. Frank Mayo and his talented company, in the German-Polish drama, "Nordeck," a five act story of love and hate, intrigues and assassination, and the final triumph of devotion and love. It was a performance full of intense interest from the beginning and it was sustained throughout to the reconciliation scene in the last act. Mr. Mayo's articulation was faulty, but he was the star, the brave cavalier, a gentleman with a strong will who crushed all opposition in his way, routing the Polish pillagers and saving his misguided mother from disgrace and death for plotting treason. Mr. Mayo's support was superb. It is an ideal company of artists, who have been playing "Nordeck" for four seasons. But for the bad weather last night the house would doubtless have been crowded. As a pleasing dramatic performance it was certainly the best of its class Deatur has had for many years. The curtain was rung up several times, three times at the close of one act.

**Changes in Rates.**

The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners have prepared a revised freight schedule to be in force on and after January 10 next. It affects only a limited range of freights. By its action are reduced from double to first class. A considerable number of agricultural implements are reduced one class in each of the forms in which they are shipped. These include chiefly check-rows, corn planters, corn shellers, hay, straw, stalks and feed cutters, reapers, mowers and seed drills. These include all that are changed. No estimate seems possible now as to the extent to which this will affect the earnings of Illinois roads, but it will undoubtedly be considerable

**Physicians, Lawyers, and Business Men** are enthusiastic in their endorsement of Salvation Oil. It cures the worst cases of rheumatism 25 cents. She sat on the piano-stool with her hands tightly clasped, looking tragic and miserable—she could not sing a note. I gently suggested Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. The next day she was singing and trilling like the first birds in the Spring. Sensible girl!

**Growing Thicker.**

The reports concerning the reputed transfer of the Indianapolis, Deatur & Springfield road to the Mackey syndicate in possession of the Peoria, Deatur & Evansville, threaten every hour. It is accepted as an assured fact in the Peoria railroad circle that the deal will be consummated at once and everything points that way. This acquisition is of considerable importance. It will, when completed, give Peoria merchants another excellent through line to Indianapolis and through Indianapolis to the east. The P. D. & E. will then be in a position to make the I. B. & W. hustle in all that the term implies, and particularly in winter, for the P. D. & E. is a sheltered road and has less trouble with snow than any competing line. It will also bring business and profit to Deatur, as the principal shops will doubtless be located at Deatur

**Meetings Closed.**

The revival at Stapp's Chapel, conducted by Evangelist Potter, closed last night with a love feast. There have been about 25 conversions

**The Reading Circle.**

One of the most pleasing features of the State Teachers' association is the Reading Circle. It was organized two years ago and now has a membership of 3,000. The officers of the association are E. A. Gastman, of Deatur, manager; Prof. S. W. Ingles, of Carbondale, president; James C. Burns, of Greenville, secretary. Many of the teachers have not had the advantages of literary instruction in higher schools and colleges, and the aim of the circle is to place the teachers in contact with the very best literary thought of the times. The line of reading is therefore of a two-fold character—the one purely literary, the other professional. In the professional line the members of the circle have read Whittier's pedagogy, P. L. Taylor's lectures on teaching, and Howell's pedagogy, in general literature they have read Burns' general history, Shakespeare's plays, Longfellow, and several other authors. The two years' course has just closed, and nearly 500 diplomas have been issued to teachers completing the course, while 200 more are yet to be issued. The reading circle is a success

**Changes.**

Mr. A. M. Werner, Deatur agent for the American Express company, has appointed S. P. Young, late of Mattoon, cashier and clerk in the office in place of G. W. Manley, who soon goes to Aberdeen, Dakota. Robert N. Baker is appointed transfer clerk at the Union depot.

**The Ideal Central Office.**

The great danger of a city comes from the absolute independence of each other of its inhabitants. There is no human tie, no relation to each other, local public opinion has no influence over individuals, because it does not exist, each family lives by itself and for itself, and is lost in the host that surrounds it. In this way very dangerous elements grow up in our midst, degradation of all kinds, of all degrees, shiftlessness, beggary, pauperism, vice, crime, all take root and flourish within a block of people who long to help and to guide, but know no way of reaching those they would succor

The Central Committee of the Charity Organization Society aims to open such a way. The ideal of the office is a place known to the poor of the district, where they may come for advice, for help in every kind of trouble, where they may find a friend who will think with them, work with them, struggle by their side, until some means has been found to lift them out of their distress. A place known to the well-to-do of the district, where they may meet together and discuss plans for helping all their neighbors, rich and poor, and themselves, for making the city what it should be, a healthy, happy home for a healthy, happy people. Now, in this work the churches ought to come forward, they ought at least to pledge themselves to take up for moral training the case of every person who belongs, or who has ever belonged, to their congregation. The great ought to be able to hand over to the churches of the district every family that has ever had the slightest connection with them. If a church means anything, if a church has any duty, it should undertake to train and teach those who say they have a claim on it

THE HUMAN LONG PIANO is what it should be. Unquestionably advertised because the music it produces and piano purchasers should know where to find a piano possessing actual merit. Such is the Human Piano—class among the leading standard pianos of the world. The great popularity of the Human Piano, piano in this and other sections, makes on week kneed rural feel uncomfortable

C. B. PINECOTT

**Sales of Real Estate.**

John Armstrong to John Nichols, 20 feet in width off the north side of lot 3, also 20 feet off the north side of lot 4, block 3, North addition to the city of Deatur \$500

Illinois Central Railroad company to trustees of Methodist church of Macon, lots 14, 15, 16 and 17, block 1, also lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 block 10, Railroad addition to Macon, \$150

Edwin Housman to Andrew Shoemaker, lot 2, block 3, Higgins' addition to the city of Deatur \$1100

**Poor Santa.**

Charles Hall, son of Joseph Hall, narrowly escaped a horrible death at Shelbyville Wednesday night. The Unitarian Sunday school gave a Christmas entertainment for the children, and Hall, while acting as Santa Claus went too near the lights. His clothing caught fire and in an instant he was enveloped in a sheet of flames. The fire was extinguished as soon as

